



# Montana Crime Reporting Newsletter

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## **Detention Data Information System**

In accordance with guidelines set forth by the National Institute of Corrections, the Montana Board of Crime Control (MBCC) has been working with a programmer to develop a statewide Detention Repository. The Detention Repository can be used as a data collection tool for county jails. The data can then be used to help guide policy decisions. We are now collecting detention data from a number of jails across the state. MBCC has been able to do this with the use of federal grant dollars, so the agencies providing the data have incurred little or no cost. Feel free to contact MBCC if you want more information about the detention repository.

## **Coming this summer:**

A Montana Police Records & NIBRS Training Conference in July 2008. By now you should have received a conference registration packet. If not, please let us know and we will get it to you.

## **Underage Drinking**

The MBCC is interested in curbing underage drinking. As such, MBCC is the administering agency for the Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) federal grant. MBCC puts out a EUDL Newsletter with a lot of great information you may be interested in. Check it out at:

<http://mbcc.mt.gov/News&Events/Newsletter/MTEUDLNews1.pdf>.

## **2007 Crime Data**

We have made the 2007 crime data and the 2007 juvenile crime data available to view on our website at:

<http://mbcc.mt.gov/Data/crimedata/crimedata.asp>

## **MTIBR Standards**

The Montana Incident Based Reporting Standards Handbook is available at:

<http://mbcc.mt.gov/Data/CrimeDataSubmissions/CrDataSub.asp>.

It is based on the FBI standards & provides the **guidelines** of reporting accurate crime data.

### Code Change

A couple code changes were implemented in April 2008. Please enter the following changes in your RMS or advise your vendor to do it.

**Assault with Bodily Fluid**, 0815, 45-5-214, 13B: "Bodily Fluids", unless infected with a deadly disease that the Offender is aware of, should be classified as a Simple Assault. Use the MTIBR code 0815 for Simple Assault with a Bodily Fluid offense. If the Offender's "bodily fluids" are infected with a deadly disease, then use the Aggravated Assault with a Bodily Fluid MTIBR code 0415.

The definition of "**Occupied Structure**" has also been updated according to the FBI. Occupied Structure means any building, vehicle, or other place suitable for human occupancy or night lodging of persons or for carrying on business, whether or not a person is actually present, including any outbuilding that is immediately adjacent to or in close proximity to an occupied structure that is habitually used for personal use or employment. Each unit of a building consists of two or more units separately secured or occupied is a separate occupied structure. Please use the MTIBR B&E/burglary codes 0511 or 0521 in accordance with this new definition.

### LEOKA/Resisting Arrest

A LEOKA is sent to the FBI to track when a law enforcement officer is killed or assaulted in the line of duty. The FBI receives LEOKAs (from the Montana's law enforcement) through your MTIBR crime data submissions. Victim type "L" = Law Enforcement Officer can only be used when connected to: UCR Code 09A = Homicide and UCR Code 09A = Non-negligent Manslaughter; 13A = Aggravated Assault; 13B = Simple Assault and; 13C = Intimidation.. To see how MBCC's crime codes convert to UCR codes please refer to the MTIBR/UCR Code Conversion document available on MBCC's website at:

<http://mbcc.mt.gov/Data/CrimeDataSubmissions/UCRConversionSheet.pdf>

Source: NIBRS Addendum for Submitting LEOKA data. October 2002. p. 15.

### JAG Funding Restoration

As you all may well realize, Justice Assistance Grant federal funding is the primary source of funding for Montana's drug task forces. Recently, the level of JAG funding was slashed to unacceptable levels. The MBCC has been working closely with the U.S. Congress to restore JAG funds. Thus far, many congress men and women including all of Montana's representatives have indicated that they will support restoring JAG funding to past levels. Please contact MBCC for more information at 406-444-3604.

*Your data is important to the MBCC and the state of Montana. It is used to guide policy development at a state and local level. Additionally, the Federal Department of Justice places an emphasis on crime reporting as a criteria for distributing federal funds.*